

OLD ELY

An Old Eastern Nevada Mining Camp
Looming Up and Giving Promise
of Reward.

Alfred Chartz, who recently returned from a trip to Eureka, Nevada, informs the Appeal that on his way to Eureka from Palisades he met a gentleman named Bidleman, who has been the general manager of a New York corporation operating copper mines in Cuba for a great many years, and who has been ordered by his corporation to go to Ely and inspect mines owned by that corporation there with the view of installing four unit furnaces—a unit furnace having the capacity of reducing 1000 tons of ore per day. Mr. Bidleman appears to be a thorough-going business man, without brag or bluster, and information came in the ordinary course of conversation; in other words, he did not advertise himself or his business, and never mentioned the stock of the corporation, or values, but incessantly sought information, and by far preferred to listen than to talk, presumably believing that he could learn more by listening than by talking.

Four unit furnaces to be installed within a few miles of Ely means a running capacity of 4000 tons per day, but according to the informant's figures it means about 2000 tons a day as furnaces need repairs, and in actual operation 50 percent are cold and 50 per cent hot. To run 2000 tons per day would require at least 2000 men, and at five per family that means 10,000 inhabitants directly supported by the industry, and as many more indirectly supported. The Comstock had about 20,000 people when there were less than 2,000 miners employed, and all other camps in Nevada have maintained populations in proportion.

But Ely and its neighborhood has greater promise than that. There are other and larger corporations interested in mines in its neighborhood, which corporations will certainly follow the leader, if it is successful.

The ores of Ely and neighborhood are low grade and yield about three per cent. copper. Such low-grade ore requires an immense amount of rock per day to be handled to make a fairly remunerative profit. The ore reserves or measures are simply immense, and inexhaustible so far as the present generation is concerned.

A broad gauge railroad is being built from Wells, on the line of the Central Pacific railway, and it has been graded a distance of over sixty miles, and track laid over most of the grade, and it is believed that the engine will toot its horn in Ely by next July.

It is not known where the railroad will have its depot, and there is much speculation in Ely about that subject. Some of the mines are as much as nine miles away and the secret as to the terminus, reposes in the directors of the railroad company, and the business men of Ely are naturally very much exercised about it.

The prices of houses and lots maintain a very high speculative value. The accommodations are about as fair as can be expected considering the situation of the camp, and prices proportionally reasonable. The distance from Eureka to Ely is about 50 miles and made by stage. At present it is a very, very rough trip; but the roads will soon be in a good condition for travel, when better service will be given. The stages are now being almost monopolized by traveling men and their sample cases and goods.

Dayton Stabbing Aftermath.

Serefino Dominici, who slashed C. Luchesi with a knife at Dayton last week is under bonds of \$10,000 to answer to a charge of intent to kill.

The Richmond-Eureka company of Rub Hill has voluntarily increased the wages of skilled underground labor 50 cents a day. Miners will receive \$3 per day, timbermen \$3.50 and timber helpers \$2.25.

Coal! Coal! Coal!

Send in your orders, car just received at Meyers Mercantile company. Also a fine car of Dayton spuds, best in town.

Wood at Reasonable Rates.

Wood, in any length, can be obtained at Petersen & Springmeyer's hay and wood yard, south Carson St.

The trial of the Indian woman who killed a Chinaman in Bodie several weeks ago is in progress. From the tenor of the press report that way the punishment will be light for the offense.

BLEW UP THE CAMP

Discharged Employee Touches Off a
Ton of Dynamite.

About 3 o'clock last Friday morning 3,900 pounds of giant powder was exploded near Caliente, Lincoln county. The powder was stored in two tunnels owned by the Siebert mining company and was touched off by C. H. Roberts who had been discharged a few days before. Everything about the premises was blown away or destroyed. Luckily no one was injured, though the frame of a cabin in which a man named Flugstad was asleep was torn from about him and blown far out on the desert. Flugstad was asleep in bed at the time, but had his hair singed. Had his bed been a few inches higher it would have caught the force of the explosion and he would have been killed. The force of the explosion was down Meadow Valley wash, but had it been toward the town, Caliente would have certainly suffered a serious calamity.

MUSICAL FARCE

Friday Night Attraction Promises
Great Entertainment

"My Wife's Family" the three act musical farce comedy success of last season, has been secured by manager Meder and will be seen at the opera house on next Friday evening. This merry complementation of nonsensical fun, music and dances by Hal Stephens and Harry Linton, scored a hit from its opening performance and duplicated its success for a season of forty weeks last year.

The plot is the essence of complexity and in this respect is more than adequate. It hinges on the efforts of Jack Gay, a young married man to get rid of his mother-in-law and the rest of his relatives by marriage, who have thrown themselves on his hospitality, and by carrying tales to his wife succeed in keeping him in constant hot water. In sheer desperation he enlists the services of a bosom friend, Doc Knott, a man about town, to help him out of his troubles. This he does, not however without causing no end of complications, from which arise innumerable laughable and absurd situations.

The young man who goes to the Kings' Daughters' sale and entertainment on February 17th without his best girl will regret it ever after.

WANTED—A position as a cook or general house work by a woman of experience. Apply at Mrs. Rau's.

A dividend of five cents per share was declared yesterday by the Silver Hill mining company.

Mrs. Hill has applied in the District court in Reno for a divorce from Dr. Herbert E. Hill, a dentist who vanished from the riverside town Sunday night. The couple were married last November.

TONIGHT'S PLAY

Dramatic Journal Highly Recommends
the Performance

Of Miners' Americans, who will appear at the opera house this evening, the San Francisco Dramatic Review says: Miner's Americans, presenting "A Yankee Doodle Girl" is the offering at the California for this week. The performance compares very favorably with the best of the recent series at this house. The music is much more tuneful than the average; several of the songs prove very popular and will be heard after the company has left. The Swing Song and the Old Cherry Tree made decided hits; the chorus is enlivened by four of the female members swinging far out over the heads of the audience. Several good voices were disclosed. Gladys Clark has a tuneful mezzo-soprano, which she knows how to handle, this added to her good looks, makes her a popular member. George Betts has a very excellent baritone, and fortunately has good opportunities to display it. Frank Fisher and Gladys Clark do a clever comedy sketch and May Butler has a couple of good illustrated songs. The Barlows do a neat and rather sensational aerial act in good style. Some good motion pictures add to the general entertainment.

King's Daughters Entertainment.

The King's Daughters' entertainment on Saturday evening will begin promptly at 8 o'clock, north hall of Odd Fellows building. The sale and Quartet Fairance will be in the south hall.

Those having fancy work to donate will kindly have same at the residence of Mrs. J. A. Wall by the 15th inst; pastry will be received on the 17th.

Remember that nothing is being sold in advance; articles will not be on sale until 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, and those going early will have a large assortment of handsome needle work and delicious salads and pastry from which to choose.

Funeral Arrangements

The remains of the late James Arthur Champagne were brought to this city yesterday afternoon on the local train. A military escort conveyed the body to the depot and general sorrow is felt at the University, where the young man was held in highest esteem.

The body was taken to Genoa late yesterday afternoon where the funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 p. m.

Ex-Governor Adams is said to own the largest bands of sheep in the State ranging in Lincoln and White Pine counties.

Old Fort Colville is the scene of a mining excitement. The out dian fort is in Lincoln county, thirty miles from Las Vegas.

GETS A RIGHT OF WAY

Western Pacific Buys Reno Electric
Road.

Another deal is now on for the purchase of the Reno Electric Railroad and in spite of the fact that the sale will not be admitted by some of the officials it is stated authentically that the transfer has been practically made. The sale price is \$50,000 and the purchaser is the Western Pacific railroad company. Gould's agent until yesterday was in Reno handling the deal. The object of the purchase by the Gould interests is to secure a crossing over the Southern Pacific tracks without the necessity of engaging in bitter lawsuits similar to those now going on between the rival corporations in California. As is known the Reno road is the only road in Nevada that enjoys the privilege of crossing the Southern Pacific tracks. The V. & T. does not enjoy the advantage, neither does the N-C-O, the Battle Mountain line or the E. and P. Company. The franchise of the Reno company calls for the operation of its cars either by steam, electricity or any other power so that the local company's franchise in the hands of the Western Pacific has a clear road into the southern portion of the state. So quietly have the negotiations been carried through that it was not until yesterday that the fact leaked out.—Journal.

New Pump to be Tested at C. & C.

An experiment is about to be tried with a new pump in the C. & C. shaft on the 2350 level, for which wonders are claimed. The pump is of the Starrett pattern and is operated by compressed air. It is suspended on the shaft and is of light weight, as compared with the giants now in operation weighing 15 tons. What the new pump can do remains to be seen, but its makers claim it will revolutionize the work of draining the Comstock, by doing the work of three big pumps at one-quarter the cost.—Chronicle.

CHARGES IGNORED

Grand Jury Takes Quick Action in
School Muddle

Yesterday the Grand Jury was in session for the purpose of investigating charges against the school board relative to prices in the furnishing of desks for the new school house.

There was considerable controversy over the matter at the time and bids were let and the grand jury rapidly wound up the affair yesterday by ignoring all charges of fraud or combinations to defraud the tax payers.

Mr. Meder, one of the members of the board, testified as to the procedure of letting the bids and submitted the various prices, which did not differ but a few cents and late telegrams from San Francisco showed that the Carson school was really better off in regard to prices than many of the east cities.

The Appeal stated some time ago that it believed that was consideration of a tempest over nothing and the grand jury has carried out this theory.

Looking Over the Ground

Wm. Douglass, Senator Proctor, W. W. Clark and Senator Danaher are at Valley Springs where they will look over the ground and figure on the improvements that are to be made during the spring months. The four went to the springs in Senator Danaher's auto and from all accounts arrived on the scene in good style.

Brave Officer Dead

RENO, February 13, 1906—Ward D. McNelly, aged 46 years, one of the oldest and most capable police officers in this section of Nevada, died last evening at 5 o'clock from diabetes and pneumonia. Mr. McNelly served as Chief of Police of Reno for several years and after the incorporation of the city became Deputy Chief under R. C. Leeper. He was a man of great courage and was one of the few men who successfully coped with the toughs when Reno was really bad.

It is twenty-four years since copper was as high as at the present time. Nineteen cent copper affords a large profit to most operating mines and permits some to run which at a little lower price could not pay expenses. The cost of producing copper under favorable conditions has never been so low as it is now.

Ely, White Pine county, is on the map as a bank has opened up at that place with a paid up capital of \$60,000.

Remember the sale Saturday afternoon at Odd Fellows hall.

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